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Partly cloudy tonight
and Friday.

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TAFT NOW CERTAIN; 491 VOTES PLEDGED

Beveridge and Cummins Enter Fight for Vice Presidency.

HITCHCOCK'S CASE REACHES A CRISIS

New Reveals Hostility, When He Denounces Stetter for Carrying Information to Taft Manager.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

CHICAGO, June 11.—The Republican National Committee seated the Taft delegates from the First and Fifth districts of South Carolina today. This places on the temporary roll of the convention enough pledged Taft men to assure the nomination of the War Secretary on the first ballot—exactly 491 votes.

Taft also is expected to capture the entire State delegations in Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, which will considerably increase his total.

Two new names were brought into the Vice Presidential discussion today, those of Senator Beveridge of Indiana, and Governor Cummins of Iowa. Senator Beveridge is suggested by his admirers as the strongest Western man who stands well with labor, represents a close and doubtful State, and is an effective stumpster, as well as an enthusiastic advocate of the Roosevelt policies.

Ever since the nomination of Senator Beveridge, his name has been passed around, as that of the natural and easy choice under the difficult circumstances presented. As to Governor Cummins, his name is discussed as representing every qualification which Senator Beveridge possesses, except that Iowa is a surely Republican State, while Indiana is close.

The fact is, however, that no decision in the Vice Presidential matter is likely to be made for two or three days. The convention is enjoying itself immensely, and it is working hard over the problem.

Hitchcock—New Fight.

The sessions of the national committee are developing down under the surface, a sharp hostility between Frank H. Hitchcock, the Taft manager, and Harry S. New, of Indiana, the chairman. Mr. New started the trouble when he demanded Mr. Hitchcock's resignation as an assistant secretary of the committee. The situation has been growing acute for several days, when, this afternoon, a crisis was reached.

New Forces Issue.

A. F. Statter, proxy for the committeeman from Alabama, has been attending the sessions with religious regularity. From time to time he has been out of the committee room to notify Mr. Hitchcock, always waiting outside, of the details of what is happening. Statter, being an employee of the Taft campaign, the proceeding caused comment, then criticism. Finally, this afternoon, Chairman New rose after one of Mr. Statter's appearances, and, without mentioning names, remarked that he considered that the committee's attention ought to be called to the fact that a gentleman sitting as a member was violating the rules by regularly carrying out information concerning the proceedings, which were presumed to be secret.

The remark was directed at Mr. Statter, and Mr. New said that tomorrow, at the first resumption of such activity, he would initiate steps to have "this person" excluded from further participation in the proceedings.

This development caused a sensation, and is expected to be followed with interest tomorrow. The Taft people are in the cheerful position of not needing to be much concerned; they have seated enough delegates to make the nomination of their candidate certain, and, in addition, are assured that still others will be gained before the delegates are closed. But the New-Hitchcock feud is likely to have important bearing on the question of chairmanship during the campaign.

The opponents of Hitchcock are showing more activity in the committee, and, while carrying out his program, the committeemen do not like all his methods.

Taft Opposes Cortelyou.

With the nomination of Taft on first ballot now made an absolute certainty, with the Vice Presidential situation utterly in the air, awaiting further instruction from the White House as to the latest preference in that quarter, and with the platform information being held for a few days, the convention held for a few days, the hour for action is near. The hour for action is near. The hour for action is near.

From various authoritative Washington sources comes the assurance that Secretary Cortelyou will have to be counted out of the Vice Presidential consideration, because it is said, Secretary Taft has said positively that he

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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather will continue partly cloudy tonight and Friday in the East and South, with local showers over the latter district.

It will be warmer Friday in the Ohio valley.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be light to fresh northerly, becoming variable; on the south Atlantic coast light to fresh and mostly west to southwest, and on the east Gulf coast light and variable.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh northwesterly winds, with generally fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

W. Bu. Affleck's.
9 a. m. 67
12 noon 73
1 p. m. 78
2 p. m. 81

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises 4:33
Sun sets 7:28

TIDE TABLE.

High water today 5:40 p. m.
Low water today 11:54 p. m.
High water tomorrow 6:28 p. m.
Low water tomorrow 11:41 p. m.

GAMBLING ON RACES GETS DEATH BLOW

New York State Senate Passes Penal Code Bill by 26 to 25.

WALL STREET ATTACK QUICKLY FRUSTRATED

Other Amendments Meet With Speedy Rebuffs—Senator Foelker Present.

ALBANY, June 11.—The senate passed the penal code race track bill by a vote of 26 to 25.

Senator Foelker arrived in the Senate chamber at noon. He was accompanied by Dr. Franklin Murphy and Caron Chase.

Senator Grady moved an amendment to have the bill take effect at the end of the racing season, but it was defeated by a vote of 26 to 25—the test vote.

At the request of Lieutenant Governor Chandler, the senators were asked to refrain from making any demonstration when Senator Foelker entered the senate chamber. Those in the galleries were warned that if there was any demonstration there that every one would be sent out. Senator Foelker sat down in Senator Aldis seat, No. 27. He was evidently suffering terribly, for his breath came in gasps.

Senator Grady moved another amendment, changing the penalty to \$500, but this was defeated by the same vote.

Grady also tried to have Wall street gambling included in the gambling category, but this was likewise defeated by the same vote, 26 to 25.

The vote on the penal code bill was then ordered. An emergency message from the governor to make action legal at this time was read. Senator Cohan explained his vote and made a long speech. Senator Agnew objected when the senator's time was up.

"I ask unanimous consent for an extension of time," said Cohan. Senator Raines said that in interest of humanity, referring to Senator Foelker's condition, he would be forced to object. The roll call proceeded and as soon as Senator Foelker had answered "aye," as his name was called, he was led from the chamber.

WARNED BY ANGEL, SHE ORDERS COFFIN

Comely Widow Has Had Many Heavenly Visitors Since Husband's Death.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Warned by the visit of an angel, as she declares, Mrs. Anna Kisilec, of Passaic, N. J., has named next Sunday as the day on which she will die. She has even named the time, between 5 and 6 p. m.

The young woman, a widow, comely and only twenty-seven years old, is spending the interim in prayer in the streets and in converse with her neighbors.

So confident is Mrs. Kisilec that she will "called home," as she puts it, on next Sunday, that she has had her shroud and has ordered her coffin.

Her husband died two years ago, and since then the widow says she has had many visits from angels who have warned her to be ready for her change.

She has taken from her all desire for this world, she declares, and she awaits her death with pleasure.

BRYAN CAN'T WIN, NEW YORKER SAYS

Nebraska Has Alienated Support in Empire State, E. H. Philbin Asserts.

The Democratic party is riding hard for a fall if they nominate William J. Bryan for the Presidency at the Denver convention, according to the opinion expressed at the White House today by Eugene H. Philbin, a prominent Democrat of New York city, and former district attorney.

Mr. Philbin declared that Bryan would find it impossible to carry New York State. Immediately after the defeat of Parker, four years ago, he said, Bryan's strength in New York State was very great, but since that time his reckless utterances have been such that he has driven away from himself much of the support which he had previously gained.

EUROPE LAMENTS LOSS OF SINGERS

Nearly All of Best Singers Have American Engagements Next Season.

LONDON, June 11.—A condition bordering on panic has overtaken European opera managers as a result of their inability to cope with American managers in the matter of salaries paid to stars. London and continental cities have felt the loss of prestige for several years, but the situation was never as acute as at present.

One of the members of the London Covent Garden syndicate said today that practically all the opera stars, with the exception of Melba and Tetrazini, have American engagements the coming season, and that Europe will have only a secondary lot of singers.

Realizing that the only thing to do to offset American invasion is to encourage the development of new operatic stars, Ignatius Florio, a rich shipowner of Rome, the cradle of operatic stars, has inaugurated a competition to find stars to take the places of those who have turned to America. He is offering big prizes and free tuition and announces that the plan is a great success.

WILL HE STAND PAT ON A BUSTED FLUSH



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ROBBERS SMASH WINDOW OF STORE

Jewelry Worth \$5,000 Taken While Men Watch Thieves Who Escape.

CHICAGO, June 11.—One of the boldest robberies in recent years occurred today when two men with a brick through the north window of Hyman Berg & Co.'s jewelry store in the Columbus Memorial building, State and Washington streets, swept \$5,000 worth of jewelry into a bag and escaped.

Despite the early hour, there were many men on State street at the time the smash occurred. The crash of the breaking glass. No one attempted to interfere, and the robbers, who were not masked, fled rather deliberately and then started to walk briskly east on Washington street.

As they reached the alley John Crowe, a private watchman in uniform, ran out. He had heard the glass broken and was running to investigate. He took in the situation, and ordered the men to halt. They started to run and, with Crowe in close pursuit, they gained Washburn avenue, ran up the elevated railroad loop stairs and were lost to their pursuer in the maze of stairs and platforms.

HAMMOND REFUSED GUILD'S ASSISTANCE

BOSTON, June 11.—Governor Guild will form no alliance, offensive or defensive, with John Hays Hammond, the mining expert, in the campaign for the Vice Presidential nomination.

When Mr. Hammond registered yesterday at his home in Gloucester, to qualify technically as a New England man before the Chicago convention, he said that he had assured the governor that he would withdraw from the race if the convention wants a candidate from this section of the country.

Hammond comes from California, and is only second string in his candidacy. On the other hand, he asked Governor Guild for his support and that of the Massachusetts delegation if the convention decided to go outside of New England for a nominee. The governor's letter says that inasmuch as he expects endorsement from Michigan, as well as New England, he cannot enter into any combination with Hammond.

CONTINENTAL HALL CONTRACT AWARDED

Announcing that the work of finishing Continental Hall will be begun immediately, Mrs. Donald McLean last night sent a telegram to the headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution saying that she had given the contract for the work to Norcross Brothers of Massachusetts.

The choosing of the Norcross firm is the result of the conference last July when Mrs. McLean submitted to the board of trustees the propositions of various contractors.

The building is very nearly completed. With the exception of two porticos and a final story nothing remains to be done except interior decoration.

\$25.50 to Chicago and Return
June 12 to 16, via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good to return until June 27. See ticket agents.—Adv.

ENGLISH-RUSSIAN TREATY RUMORED

King Edward Starts Home After Visit to the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 11.—It was persistently rumored in duma circles here today that Emperor Nicholas and King Edward had entered into an Anglo-Russian agreement, which was enlarged into a formal treaty if the British parliament consents.

It is believed that Russia will gladly give her aid, provided the treaty contains nothing that would tend to weaken the friendship with Germany. King Edward sailed from Reval at 3 o'clock this morning. The festivities in the Gulf of Finland continued up to the hour of departure.

Agreement Is Opposed By English Liberals

LONDON, June 11.—The rumor that an Anglo-Russian agreement had been entered into during King Edward's visit to the Czar at Reval is received here with misgivings. The Conservatives will give their support to such a move, but it is extremely doubtful whether the Liberals and Laborites will support it.

It is certain that the latter will oppose a formal treaty with Russia. They demand that Russia adopt a more conciliatory policy before England enters into an open profession of friendship.

If a formal treaty is proposed, it is sure to result in one of the warmest debates ever held in parliament.

WOMAN TOSSED BETWEEN CARS

Mrs. Ella Brent May Recover From Serious Injuries of Accident.

Dragged for several feet by the fender of a Capital Traction car, Mrs. Ella Brent, fifty-two years of age, is in a serious condition in the Emergency Hospital. She is suffering from concussion of the brain and injuries about the head and body, but the doctors say she will probably recover.

Mrs. Brent was crossing Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Fourth and a half streets, when she was struck by a west-bound Fourteenth street car and thrown to the opposite track, directly in front of an east-bound navy yard car. She was dragged some 15 feet before the motorman was able to stop.

Dr. Philip G. Affleck, of 1425 Pennsylvania avenue, carried the woman to the hospital in his automobile. She did not become conscious until a late hour last night.

Mrs. Brent had made her home for the last few years at the home of the American Salvation Army, 412 Second street northwest. She left the home about six weeks ago.

HE COULD "MAKE MONEY."

CHICAGO, June 11.—Just to show the girl's parents that "he could make money enough to support her," Salvatore Stenger, III, and threw it through the window of the home of Miss Marie Schultz. The federal authorities heard of it, and arrested the Italian. Yesterday Judge Landis fined him \$1 and sentenced him to a day in jail. The punishment was light, because Secret Service men said it was evident Francesco never intended to coin bad money.

AROUSING CHICAGO TO SAVE SLAYER

Priest Hopes to Force Pardon for Billik From Governor Deneen.

CHICAGO, June 11.—The most remarkable demonstration in behalf of a man condemned to die on the gallows began today when a series of meetings throughout the city was held to arouse public sentiment in favor of Herman Billik, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow. The Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, who has fought for Billik's life for months, will be the principal speaker at all of these meetings.

It is the priest's purpose to arouse public sentiment so that the people of Chicago will flood Governor Deneen's office with telegrams and letters demanding that the chief executive exercise clemency. As the start of this campaign Father O'Callaghan today mailed to Governor Deneen a petition signed by 15,000 persons urging the governor to commute Billik's sentence to life imprisonment.

While Father O'Callaghan was at work Billik's legal friends here, and at Springfield were also fighting hard. Today Federal Judge Landis will pass on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed yesterday. The State supreme court today refused the petition filed yesterday to vacate its action affirming the action of the lower court and praying leave to go before the criminal court and ask for a new trial.

Judge Davis said today that while Billik had given up hope, he does not appear to be worried, and slept well last night. Mrs. Billik and Edna Billik, the condemned man's wife and daughter, visited him for two hours last night.

"Can't you come home with us now?" asked little Edna as she kissed her father good night.

"No, I must stay here a little while before I can go," Billik said, and wiped his eyes.

Today the work of putting the scaffold together was rushed. This will be finished by late afternoon and the execution will take place as soon after 10 o'clock tomorrow morning as possible.

WILL INVITE ELKS HERE NEXT YEAR

In an effort to get the Elks of America to hold their next convention in this city, a meeting of Washington Lodge last night suggested that letters be written to the heads of the organization. The next national convention will be held in Dallas, Tex., July of this year. Should the Elks hold their next convention here it is probable that from 5,000 to 6,000 visitors would be attracted.

NO NAUGHTY GOWNS FOR MR. COMSTOCK

NEW YORK, June 11.—Anthony Comstock's dictum has barred the sheath skirt from New York. The chief of the Society for the Suppression of Vice declared today:

"You can say for me that no woman, whether she be of the Fifth avenue set, a chorus girl, or a shop girl, will be allowed to create public scandal by parading the indecent dress so long as the Vice Society remains in existence."

Police Commissioner Bingham, however, is for the sheath skirt.

"It is not for me to interfere," he said. "Did you ever hear of any one person who could settle what a nation of women should wear? Not for me."

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PRESIDENT DIRECTS COLLAPSE INQUIRY

District Attorney Baker Asked to Prosecute Guilty Persons.

Letters Made Public by Loeb at White House.

The President has taken a hand in the investigation of the collapse of the apartment house at Twentieth and P streets, which caused the death of two men.

With a view to securing a rigid investigation of the accident he wrote to District Attorney Baker urging him to make every effort to locate the blame. Today he received a reply from Mr. Baker, who says that he will do all in his power to comply with the President's wishes. The correspondence in the matter, which was made public today by Secretary Loeb, is as follows:

June 10, 1908.
"My Dear Mr. District Attorney: By direction of the President I write to say that he wishes you would have special attention paid to the recent collapse of the apartment house and see that a thorough investigation is made and whoever is responsible for it, especially the contractors or District building inspectors, is prosecuted to the utmost limit of the law. The President particularly wishes to prevent such outrages as this in connection with the erection of buildings in the District and to penalize as heavily as possible all persons responsible for the accident.

"Yours very truly,
"WILLIAM LOEB, JR.,
"Secretary to the President."

The following letter was received at the White House today:

"Hon. William Loeb, Jr., Secretary to the President, White House, Washington, D. C.:
"Dear Mr. Loeb: I have your communication of the 10th instant. I have already taken up the investigation of the recent collapse of the apartment house and have detailed Mr. Turner, one of my assistants, with the detectives and other assistants, to be present at the coroner's inquest and to light every detail and circumstance of this tragedy, so that all to whom blame may be attached in the least shall be brought to the bar and be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

"I shall not rest content with the examination of the coroner whatever its result may be, but shall consider the matter personally, and, if the circumstances warrant, present it immediately to the Grand Jury. I share fully the feeling that such outrages should be penalized in every way in which the law may afford punishment.

"Respectfully,
"DANIEL W. BAKER,
"U. S. District Attorney, D. C."

STUART ACCEPTS AS SUPERINTENDENT

Finally Consents to Succeed Dr. Chancellor Officially. Oyster Pleased.

A. T. Stuart, director of intermediate instruction and acting superintendent of the public schools, will be retained as superintendent.

The announcement was made this morning by Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the Board of Education, after having been invited yesterday at yesterday's meeting of that body in the Franklin School. In making the announcement, Captain Oyster paid a high tribute to the service Mr. Stuart has given the District in the interests of education. He said that the vote to retain Mr. Stuart as superintendent was unanimous and that it pleased not only the board, but also the entire corps of teachers.

Previous to the election of Dr. Chancellor to the position of superintendent, Mr. Stuart resigned from the post because he thought the duties too much for him. When Dr. Chancellor's regime ended, the selection of Mr. Stuart as acting superintendent was unanimous, and he was offered the position. He accepted it, and after being repeatedly pressed to accept by the school officials, he accepted the offer.

The position of director of intermediate education which was held by Mr. Stuart until yesterday was filled yesterday by the promotion of Charles S. Clark, supervising principal of the Second division, to the position of director of intermediate education, which was thought for a time might be abolished, will take a great amount of work from the shoulders of Mr. Stuart and allow him more time to devote to the general good of the schools.

The following other appointments and promotions were ordered:

Charles S. Clark, director of intermediate instruction, to take effect July 1, 1908.

B. W. Murch promoted from principal of the Force School to supervising principal of the Second division, in place of Mr. Clark, to take effect July 1, 1908.

Accept resignation of Miss M. V. Farr, teacher of the first grade, Potomac School building, Eighth division, to take effect from and after June 11, 1908.

Miss M. V. Farr, teacher of the first grade, and assign to the Potomac School building, Eighth division, to take effect from and after June 11, 1908.

Mr. Cox, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported the following balances of appropriations for 1907 were one hand:

Officers, \$5,644; teachers, \$10,345; medical inspectors, \$16,687; compulsory education, \$1,348; books and supplies, \$300; school playgrounds, \$121; school gardens, \$775; janitors, \$2,622; care small buildings, \$715; clocks and libraries, \$900.

During the meeting, passing mention was made by Captain Oyster of the killing of two men in the collapse of the apartment house at Twentieth and P streets. Mr. Oyster said that while he knew of no similar case in the construction of school buildings, it should be taken as an object lesson and make the builders and officials in charge exercise the greatest care. He said that this was absolutely necessary in view of the terrible disaster which might follow the collapse of a school building.

Pickford's Testimony Before Coroner Denied by Architect Beers.

Owner and Builder Depended Upon Subcontractors and Inspectors.

Startling discrepancies developed today between the testimony of Thomas H. Pickford, owner and builder of the apartment house at the corner of Twentieth and P streets which collapsed Tuesday causing the death of two men, and the testimony of Albert H. Beers, the architect who drew up the plans, regarding the supervising of the construction, at the inquest to determine the responsibility for the two deaths.

There was no practical builder in charge of the construction. This was admitted by Mr. Pickford, but he said that he personally was in daily touch with the work and that the architect was called whenever questions of a technical nature arose.

Architect Beers a few minutes later denied that he had ever been called in conference or had exercised any supervisory authority over the work. He did not remember either being called to a conference over the buckling of iron beams, to which Mr. Pickford had testified.

Macfarland and West There.

As on yesterday, Commissioners Macfarland and West were on hand to assist Coroner Nevitt in his examination of the witnesses. Half a dozen lawyers appeared in behalf of subcontractors employed on the building, and the District Attorney's office was represented by Assistant District Attorney Charles H. Turner, who took a very active part in the examination of the witnesses.

Mr. Pickford, when called, said that he is not a practical builder, although he builds houses for himself, letting the work out by subcontractors and having an architect in charge of the building. He said, he recognized as the best builder, and he can discharge any employee.

"The building was started April 10," said Mr. Pickford, "and we expect to have it completed by October, when the tenants will begin to move in. I think that is a reasonable time. No time is specified in the contracts for the completion of the building, but it being understood between the contractor and myself that they should be no delay. I did not in every case select the lowest bidder, but was careful to choose the most reliable. When I let the contract for the brick work I let it to a man who was well recommended and I told him to be extremely careful.

Wanted Good Job Made.

"I also told Mr. Reavis, who did the fire proofing, to use the best materials and make a first-class job. If there was any extra cost to make it first-class I was willing to pay it. I told him that if more cement should be added not to spare it, that I would pay for it all.

"I had the plans drawn up for the building by an architect. They were approved by the Building Inspector and work contracts were let. I sent for the architect and told him to see that the work was done right. A plan was submitted and a permit granted on condition that when we reached the story we should go no further until the plaster had been put in. The sixth story was not yet started when the accident occurred and the work of putting in the plaster had begun.

"This morning, when I was doing the fire proofing, did the work honestly. He would have no object in doing otherwise for I had told him that I would pay for any extra work which he did.

Says Architect Visited Work.

"I was at the building daily, but unless there was something wrong with which I was not well versed arose the architect would not be there. He came about two or three times a week.

"I do not know whether Barber & Ross, the structural iron contractors, were supposed by the terms of their contract to anchor the beams. They drew up the contract themselves, as I had had dealings with them before and had the utmost confidence in them. The architect was to supervise the work."

Depended on Architect.

"Did you hold the architect responsible for the safety of the building?" asked the Coroner.

"Well, I depended on him, and to some extent on the Building Inspector."

"Did you have a general superintendent on the building?"

"I have never heard of any accident in the building."

"I have never heard of a single one."

"It has been testified that there was an accident a week ago."

"Oh, yes; a prop slipped under a bay, but there was no damage done."

"What precaution did you take for the safety of the work?"

"Well, I relied upon the contractors to perform their work safely, under the direction of the architects and the Building Inspector."

Wanted Light and Air.

"Do you think the appearance of the building would suggest that there was possibly too much open space in the front due to the bay? Was it a particular object of your architect to get in as much light and air, as possible?"

"Well, I suppose it was his object to get in light and air, but he said the building would be thoroughly protected."

"Do you think the strength of the walls were sufficient?"

"No, I think not."

"Did you ever consider the walls 'green'?"

"I never did. There was no suggestion of such a thing."

"Why was there, Mr. Pickford, to say that the walls were done right and that the iron was placed satisfactorily?"

"A 'green' wall don't stand the weight a dry wall can stand."

"Well, I do not know; I am only a layman."

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